



SHPO NEWS

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An Update from the State Historic Preservation Office

STAFF CHANGES AT THE SHPO

The SHPO is pleased to introduce two new staff members. Elizabeth Szufnar has joined the SHPO's environmental review program. Elizabeth worked as a student assistant in the SHPO until November 1999 when she accepted the position of environmental review assistant. A native of Saline, Elizabeth received a B.A. and M.A. in art history from Michigan State University and an M.S. in historic preservation from Ball State University in Indiana. She has taught college-level courses in art history and the humanities and worked as a historic preservation planner for the city of Anderson, Indiana. While a student assistant in the SHPO, Elizabeth developed the new state tax credit application and worked on the state's five year preservation plan.

Elizabeth's position was created as the result of a partnership between the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF) and the SHPO. (For more information on this partnership, see the Fall 1999 issue of the SHPO News). As required by this partnership, Elizabeth will review federally-assisted projects undertaken by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA). In addition, Elizabeth will provide valuable technical assistance and conduct outreach activities in communities the MSF serves.

Lisa Scahill has joined the staff of the Grant Section as the Lighthouse Grant Coordinator, a part time position to administer the Lighthouse Assistance Program. The Lighthouse Assistance Program is a newly funded state program which will provide grants for lighthouse planning and preservation. Lisa has a B.B.A. from Western Michigan University and has worked for several years in finance and banking. She also has a strong interest and background in computers. Lisa and her husband recently relocated to Lansing from Kalamazoo and have two small children.

Squire Jaros is now the coordinator of the Centennial Farm Program following the retirement of Ilene Hinderleider Sandefer. It is with much fondness and

many good wishes that we said farewell to Ilene on February 11. Ilene worked for the state of Michigan for fifteen years, joining the Michigan Historical Center in 1988. In 1991 she began working with the SHPO as a secretary and as the coordinator of the Centennial Farm Program. Ilene worked closely with the Centennial Farm Association and had an excellent relationship with the centennial farm community.

Through her diligence and her good spirits Ilene contributed much to the SHPO and was instrumental in the upgrading and maintenance of the extensive centennial farm records, both paper and electronic. Ilene and her husband Glenn plan to spend time with grandchildren, doing volunteer work with their church, and traveling. Best wishes in your new life Ilene!

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STATE HOSPITAL UPDATE

Despite national register designation, two of Michigan's former state hospital complexes face contrasting futures; only one is bright. Big strides have been made in the redevelopment of Traverse City's Grand Traverse Commons (Northern Michigan Asylum). At the same time, despite last minute local efforts and lawsuits, demolition of the Clinton Valley Center (Eastern Michigan Asylum) in Pontiac has begun.

The recent initiation of rehabilitation work on four of the "cottages" at the Grand Traverse Commons is a result of nearly two decades of planning and perseverance. Local concerns about the future of the complex led to the hospital's 1978 listing in the National Register of Historic Places. In 1991 the city of Traverse City and Garfield Township jointly established the Grand Traverse Redevelopment Corporation, an Urban Redevelopment Corporation chartered under Michigan Public Act 250, to take ownership and market redevelopment under community guidelines. Securing an appropriate redevelopment proposal for Building 50, the sprawling 386,740 square foot main building has been a major obstacle. Recently, a now defunct proposal to demolish Building 50 for a new facility renewed interest in the preservation of the entire complex. The redevelopment of the four adjacent cottages is a vote of confidence for the entire complex. Fourteen cottages, actually substantial structures, were built between

1890 and 1906 for the housing and treatment of mental health patients. Munson Hospital is rehabilitating one cottage as a hospitality house for families of hospital patients, and three other cottages will be converted to apartments for the elderly in conjunction with Grand Traverse Pavilions, the region's premier intergenerational health and residential community.

The demolition of the Clinton Valley Center is also a result of years of planning. Pontiac's 2010 master plan cites commercial and residential development for the site. While concerns about the future of the complex led to the national register designation in 1981, strong local support for preservation and reuse did not materialize. The state legislature appropriated \$5 million dollars for demolition, which was initiated in late 1999. Two lawsuits were filed to delay the demolition, but both were dismissed. Demolition is scheduled to be complete by July.



Building 21 at the Northern Michigan Asylum.

Properties Listed in the National Register of Historic Places During 1999

Sixty-five properties were listed in the National Register of Historic Places during 1999, including forty-eight highway bridges. The bridges were listed individually as part of a multiple resource nomination prepared by Hess, Roise and Company of Minneapolis, and Fraserdesign of Loveland, Colorado, on behalf of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). The bridges were identified through a historic highway bridge survey undertaken by MDOT in an agreement with the SHPO through the Section 106 process.

Historic Highway Bridges of Michigan Multiple Resource Nomination

King Rd./Whitefish River Bridge, Limestone Township, Alger County
M-28/Sand River Bridge, Onota Township, Alger County
M-94 (Old)/Au Train River Bridge, Au Train Township, Alger County
Second St./Gun River Bridge, Martin Township, Allegan County
M-88/Intermediate River Bridge, Bellaire, Antrim County
Canyon Falls Bridge, L'Anse Township, Baraga County
US-41 (Old)/Backwater Creek Bridge, Baraga Township, Baraga County
Bay City Bascule Bridge, Bay City, Bay County
Avery Rd./Galen River Bridge, Weesaw Township, Berrien County
Blossomland Bridge, St. Joseph, Berrien County
N. Watervliet Rd./Paw Paw Lake Outlet Bridge, Watervliet Township, Berrien County
Stancer Rd./N. Coldwater River Bridge, Union Township, Branch County
US-12 (Old)/Coldwater River Bridge, Coldwater, Branch County
12 Mile Rd./Kalamazoo River Bridge, Emmett/Marshall Twps., Calhoun County
23 Mile Rd./Kalamazoo River Bridge, Marengo Township, Calhoun County
Thompson Rd./Air Line Railroad Bridge, Howard Township, Cass County
Cheboygan Bascule Bridge, Cheboygan, Cheboygan County
M-28/Tahquamenon River Bridge, Chippewa Township, Chippewa County
Stony Creek Bridge, Olive Township, Clinton County
M-27/Au Sable River Bridge, Grayling, Crawford County
County Rd. I-39/Rapid River Bridge, Masonville Township, Delta County
Beach-Garland St./Flint River Bridge, Flint, Genesee County
W. Second St./Swartz Creek Bridge, Flint, Genesee County
Main St./Black River Bridge, Bessemer Township (Ramsay), Gogebic County
Planter Rd./Jackson Creek Bridge, Wakefield Township, Gogebic County
Lincoln Rd./Pine River Bridge, Seville/Sumner Twps., Gratiot County
County Rd. C11/Pike River Bridge, Chassell Township, Houghton County
Chicagon Mine Rd./Chicagon Creek Bridge, Bates Township, Iron County
Forest Route 157/Tamarack River Bridge, Stambaugh Township, Iron County
Mansfield Rd./Michigamme River Bridge, Mansfield Township, Iron County
US-2 (Old)/Iron River Bridge, Iron River, Iron County
Business Route M-21/Plaster Creek Bridge, Wyoming, Kent County
Division Ave./Plaster Creek Bridge, Grand Rapids/Wyoming, Kent County
M-26/Cedar Creek Culvert, Eagle Harbor Township, Keweenaw County

M-26/Silver River Culvert, Eagle Harbor Township, Keweenaw County
US-41/Fanny Hooe Creek Bridge, Grant Township, Keweenaw County
Mackinac Trail/Carp River Bridge, St. Ignace Township, Mackinac County
County Road 557/West Branch Escanaba River Bridge, Wells Township, Marquette County
M-95 (Old)/Michigamme River Bridge, Republic Township, Marquette County
Trunk Line Bridge No. 1, Old US-41 over Peshekee River, Michigamme Township, Marquette County
Ball Rd./Little Salt Creek Bridge, Jasper Township, Midland County
N. Saginaw Rd./Salt River Bridge, Jerome Township, Midland County
US-31/Pentwater River Bridge, Weare Township, Oceana County
Fruitport Rd./Pettys Bayou Bridge, Spring Lake Township, Ottawa County
Ocqueoc Falls Hwy./Ocqueoc River Bridge, Ocqueoc Township, Presque Isle County
Center Rd./Tittabawassee River Bridge, James/Spaulding Twps., Saginaw County
Mower Rd./Cole Drain Bridge, Spaulding Township, Saginaw County
Ten Curves Rd./Manistique River Bridge, Germfask Township, Schoolcraft County

Other Listings

Masonic Temple Building, East Lansing, Ingham County
Climax Post Office Building, Climax, Kalamazoo County
Aldrich, Godfrey and White Block, Grand Rapids, Kent County
Downtown Lowell Historic District, Lowell, Kent County
Fallsburg Historic District, Vergennes Township, Kent County
Simeon Babcock House, Manistee, Manistee County
Central Fire Station, Muskegon, Muskegon County
Rollin Sprague Building/Old Stone Store, Rochester, Oakland County
Thomas and Anna Morrissey House, Holland, Ottawa County
Floyd R. Mechem House, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County
William B. and Mary Shuford Palmer House, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County
Main Street Historic District, Milan, Washtenaw County
Capitol Park Historic District, Detroit, Wayne County
East Grand Boulevard Historic District, Detroit, Wayne County
Kingston Arms Apartments, Detroit, Wayne County
Lower Woodward Avenue Historic District, Detroit, Wayne County
St. Paul Manor Apartments, Detroit, Wayne County

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